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3. [] LUNCH WITH VOA OFFICIALS--At the luncheon with VOA officials, I had a long conversation with Bernard Kamenske, the veteran news chief of VOA. Kamenske had several observations worth passing along: (1) He was critical of [] for delays in processing, such as the Helmut Schmidt statement on Soviet intentions re China which he felt was extremely important but which took two days [] to process [] noted that the delay was caused by [] (2) He said VOA missed the old "highlights" which were carried three times a day on the Wire, noting that when the wire is broken up for distribution around VOA it is often difficult to quickly retrieve specific items carried (WSS might reconsider whether the highlights are worth reviving); (3) He said he thought roundtable discussions between FBIS wire editors and VOA editors should be revived, to give FBIS editors a better idea of VOA interests.

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